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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 1052

**DATE:** September 13, 2011

**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Hospitals (excluding Critical Access Hospitals), Physicians, Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists and Rehabilitation Agency Providers

**ISSUED BY:** Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** Therapy Codes Subject to Multiple Procedure Payment Reductions (MPPR)

**EFFECTIVE:** September 1, 2011

Informational Letter No.1041 explained the cost savings initiative included in the department's and Governor's budget proposal. This was approved by the Iowa Legislature. A payment reduction will apply for multiple therapy procedures provided by the same provider, for the same member, on the same date of service. This change was effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2011.

The concept is similar to the Medicare Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction (MPPR) for therapy claims. Unlike Medicare, however, which applies the payment reduction to the Physician Expense portion of the Relative Value Unit, Medicaid will apply a 10 percent reduction to the established Medicaid fee schedule amounts. This reduction only applies to services that are paid at a fee schedule rate and does not affect payment for any service(s) that groups to an ambulatory payment classification (APC) payment.

Informational Letter No.1041 did not include all codes that are subject to this payment reduction. A full list of therapy procedures subject to this payment reduction follows this notice; additional information can be found on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website at <https://www.cms.gov/transmittals/downloads/R826OTN.pdf>. **NOTE:** This list is not a guarantee of payment. Some codes may not be covered by Iowa Medicaid. Please refer to the Iowa Medicaid fee-schedule for coverage details. The fee-schedules are located at: [http://www.ime.state.ia.us/Reports\\_Publications/FeeSchedule.html](http://www.ime.state.ia.us/Reports_Publications/FeeSchedule.html). **NOTE:** Currently providers using the latest version of Internet Explorer (9) and a few other browsers may have difficulty opening the IME fee schedule files. The IME is working on a solution.

If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, locally 515-256-4609 or by email at [imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us).

## List of Therapy Procedures Subject to the Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction

Code	Short Descriptor
92506	Speech/hearing evaluation
92507	Speech/hearing therapy
92508	Speech/hearing therapy, group
92526	Oral function therapy
92597	Oral speech device evaluation
92607	Evaluation for prescription of speech device, 1hour
92609	Use of speech device service
96125	Cognitive performance testing
97001	Physical therapy evaluation
97002	Physical therapy re-evaluation
97003	Occupational therapy evaluation
97004	Occupational therapy re-evaluation
97012	Mechanical traction therapy
97016	Vasopneumatic device therapy
97018	Paraffin bath therapy
97022	Whirlpool therapy
97024	Diathermy (eg. microwave)
97026	Infrared therapy
97028	Ultraviolet therapy
97032	Electrical stimulation
97033	Electric current therapy
97034	Contrast bath therapy
97035	Ultrasound therapy
97036	Hydrotherapy (Hubbard tank)
97110	Therapeutic exercises
97112	Neuromuscular reeducation
97113	Aquatic therapy/exercises
97116	Gait training therapy
97124	Massage therapy
97140	Manual therapy
97150	Group therapeutic procedures
97530	Therapeutic activities
97533	Sensory integration
97535	Self care management training
97537	Community/work reintegration
97542	Wheelchair management training
97750	Physical performance test
97760	Orthotic mgmt and training
97761	Prosthetic training
97762	C/o for orthotic/prosth use
G0283	Elec stim other than wound